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First Named Inventor	Egashira, K
Art Unit	1746
Examiner Name	Perrin, J
Attorney Docket Number	033082.072

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- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
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In re the application of:

Koji Egashira, et al.

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Examiner: PERRIN, Joseph L.

Art Unit: 1746

For: LIQUID PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD

STATEMENT SUBMITTED WITH RCE

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Sir:

A response to the final Office Action dated December 17, 2004 was due by March 17, 2005. An Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 was filed April 13, 2005. In response to that Amendment, an Advisory Action dated April 25, 2005 was issued. The Advisory Action failed to indicate whether the April 25th Amendment would be entered. Instead, it erroneously indicated that a "Request for Reconsideration" had been considered. Applicants' undersigned representative contacted Examiner Perrin and was informed that the April 25th Amendment had not been entered. Hence, Applicants, in response, now file the accompanying RCE to request expressly that the unentered April 25th Amendment be entered and be considered.

This Statement incorporates by reference, all of the amendments and arguments set forth by the April 13, 2005 Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 116. Applicants

respectfully submit that the accompanying RCE, the unentered April 25th Amendment, and this Statement constitute a substantive response in full compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 114. A Petition for Extension of Time (three months, large entity) is also enclosed, extending the response due date to June 17, 2005. Please accept these papers and the RCE as timely filed and fully responsive.

Respectfully submitted,
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